

Subcommittee, it didn't happen. What's more, we included language in our Committee report directing the Administration to fully fund all military construction requests in future budgets.

Unfortunately, this bill reflects a continued decline in the amount of money that is being allocated to military construction. This year's bill is funded at a level of \$8.374 billion, which is \$76 million less than the fiscal year 1999 bill. And this is at a time when funding for the Defense appropriations bill is heading toward a major increase. Military construction does not have the glamour of some of the gee whiz, high-tech items in the defense bill, but it is an integral part of readiness and quality of life in the military. If military construction is underfunded, we will wind up undercutting our nation's war fighting capability. We must not allow that to occur.

We will continue to fight the good fight for military construction dollars, ably led by our chairman, Senator BURNS, who is an extremely effective advocate for the needs of the military and a pleasure to work with on the Committee. I thank Senator BURNS, and Senators STEVENS and BYRD, for their unflagging support, and I also thank the Subcommittee staff for their hard work on this bill.

This is a good bipartisan conference report, and I urge my colleagues to accept it so that it can be sent to the President without delay and become the first fiscal year 2000 regular appropriations bills to be signed into law.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the conference report be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the conference report be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The conference report was agreed to.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2000 AND 2001

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 229, H.R. 2415.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of the United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 886 as passed by the Senate be inserted in lieu thereof. I further ask consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table. I further ask consent that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2415), as amended, was passed.

(The text of S. 886 was printed in the RECORD of June 22, 1999)

The Presiding Officer (Mr. ALLARD) appointed Mr. HELMS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRAMS of Minnesota, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. DODD conferees on the part of the Senate.

NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 241, S. Res. 95.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 95) designating August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day."

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. 95) was agreed to. The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 95

Whereas the Parachute Test Platoon was authorized by the War Department on June 25, 1940, to experiment with the potential use of airborne troops;

Whereas the Parachute Test Platoon was composed of 48 volunteers that began training in July, 1940;

Whereas the Parachute Test Platoon performed the first official Army parachute jump on August 16, 1940;

Whereas the success of the Parachute Test Platoon led to the formation of a large and successful airborne contingent serving from World War II until the present;

Whereas the 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd, and 101st Airborne Divisions and the numerous other regimental and battalion-sized airborne units were organized following the success of the Parachute Test Platoon;

Whereas the 501st Parachute Battalion participated successfully and valiantly in achieving victory in World War II;

Whereas the airborne achievements during World War II provided the basis for continuing the development of a diversified force of parachute and air assault troops;

Whereas paratroopers, glidermen, and air assault troops of the United States were and are proud members of the world's most exclusive and honorable fraternity, have earned and wear the "Silver Wings of Courage", have participated in a total of 93 combat jumps, and have distinguished themselves in battle by earning 68 Congressional Medals of Honor, the highest military decoration of the United States, and hundreds of Distinguished Service Crosses and Silver Stars;

Whereas these airborne forces have performed in important military and peace-keeping operations, wherever needed, in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Sinai, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Somalia, Haiti, and Bosnia; and

Whereas the Senate joins together with the airborne community to celebrate August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on Federal, State, and local administrators and the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4. I further ask consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate immediately begin 40 minutes of debate on the dairy issue to be equally divided between the opponents and proponents, and the cloture vote occur at 9:45 a.m. with the mandatory quorum having been waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Therefore, the Senate will convene at 9 a.m. and we will have 40 minutes of debate, equally divided, on the dairy issue; at 9:45 will be the cloture vote on the dairy amendment. Following the vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the pending Agriculture appropriations bill. Amendments and votes are expected throughout tomorrow's session of the Senate with the anticipation of completing action on the bill.

After that is completed, we could have a vote on a nomination after some period of debate, and then we would turn to the Interior appropriations bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:15 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate August 3, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MICHAEL J. FRAZIER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE STEVEN O. PALMER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GREGORY ROHDE, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION, VICE CLARENCE L. IRVING, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DAVID J. HAYES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, VICE JOHN RAYMOND GARAMENDI, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

IVAN ITKIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE DANIEL A. DREYFUS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EDWARD W. STIMPSON, OF IDAHO, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION.

THE JUDICIARY

GAIL S. TUSAN, OF GEORGIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, VICE G. ERNEST TIDWELL, RETIRED.

RICHARD K. EATON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, VICE R. KENTON MUSGRAVE, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE JUDICIARY

KATHRYN M. TURMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME, VICE AILEEN CATHERINE ADAMS.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

ROGER F. HALL, JR., 0000
JOHN R. HERRIN, 0000
HOWARD E. HILL, JR., 0000
THOMAS E. JOHNSON, 0000
ROBERT A. MARTINEZ, 0000
HENRY C. MCCANN, 0000
ALAN R. PETERSON, 0000
TIMOTHY L. ROOTES, 0000
ARNOLD H. SOEDER, 0000
STEPHEN C. TRUESDELL, 0000
PAUL K. WOHL, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR

FORCE AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (*) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624, 628, AND 531:

To be colonel

MICHAEL L. COLOPY, 0000
STEVEN A. GABRIAL, 0000
STEVEN J. PECINOVSKY, 0000
KEITH L. ROBERTS, 0000

To be lieutenant colonel

MARIO T. AVALOS, 0000
PETER J. BLOME, 0000
LARRY J. CHODZKO, 0000
DOUGLAS L. DURAND, 0000
ALAAELDEEN M. ELSAYED, 0000
MARK E. ISRAELITT, 0000
DANIEL E. JOHNSON, 0000
CHARLES E. LATIMER, 0000
*RICHARD L. MILLER, 0000
RONNIE E. NICKEL, 0000
JAMES A. ROMAN, 0000
JOHN T. STEHMAN, 0000
JOHN T. TRESEMER, 0000

To be major

CHARLES G. BELENY, 0000
LORI L. EVERETT, 0000
BENEDICT G. HEIDERSCHEDIT, 0000
DEREK A. KNIGHT, 0000
JOHN G. LINK, 0000
EDMOND K. SAFARIAN, 0000
BLAIN W. SECOR, 0000
EVELINE F. YAOTIU, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT AS CHAPLAIN (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (*) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTIONS 624, 531 AND 3064:

To be major

*ERIC J. ALBERTSON, 0000
*CARLETON W. BIRCH, 0000
*RANDY L. BRANDT, 0000
*DAVID B. CRARY, 0000
*OCTAVIO J. DIUULLO, 0000
*JACK E. DIXON, 0000
*ORLANDO R. FULLER, 0000
*MARC S. GAUTHIER, 0000
*JEFFREY J. GIANNOLA, 0000
*JOHN W. GRIESSEL, 0000
*KENNETH R. HARRIS, 0000
*JAMES C. HARTZ, 0000
IRA C. HOUCK III, 0000

*KEITH E. KILGORE, 0000
*ROBERT F. LAND, 0000
*RICHARD E. LUND, 0000
*ROBERT C. LYONS, 0000
*JAMES J. MADDEN, 0000
*JO A. MANN, 0000
*MARK B. NORDSTROM, 0000
*RICHARD R. PACANIA, 0000
*KRISTI P. PAPPAS, 0000
*JAMES E. PAULSON, 0000
*JOE E. PEDERSON, 0000
*MARK A. PENFOLD, 0000
*HARRY R. REED, JR., 0000
*CHARLES E. REYNOLDS, 0000
*LEE E. RODGERS, 0000
*LUIS R. SCOTT, 0000
*DAVID K. SHURTLEFF, 0000
*PETER R. SNIFFIN, 0000
*TIMOTHY E. SOWERS, 0000
*TIMOTHY D. WALLS, 0000
*KEVIN B. WESTON, 0000
*ROBERT H. WHITLOCK, 0000
*STANLEY E. WHITTEN, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate August 3, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL A. SHEEHAN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE COORDINATOR FOR COUNTERTERRORISM, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR AT LARGE.

ROBERT S. GELBARD, OF WASHINGTON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

WILLIAM B. TAYLOR, JR., OF VIRGINIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING TENURE OF SERVICE AS COORDINATOR OF U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

JACK E. HIGHTOWER, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 19, 2004. (REAPPOINTMENT)

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.